

REMARKS

The Applicants do not believe that examination of the response contained herein will result in the introduction of new matter into the present application for invention. Therefore, the Applicant, respectfully, requests that this response be entered and that the claims to the present application, kindly, be reconsidered.

The Office Action dated February 15, 2006 has been received and considered by the Applicants. Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application for invention. The Office Action rejects Claims 1-20.

The Office Action rejects of Claims 1-5, 9, 11-16 and 20 under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Intl. Pub. No. WO 99/33293 by Dennis (hereinafter referred to as Dennis) in view of European Pub. No. EP 0944 002 by Bunney et al. (hereinafter referred to as Bunney et al.) and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,556,659 in the name of Bowman-Amuah (hereinafter referred to as Bowman-Amuah).

The rejection asserts that Dennis teaches that the wireless device is communicating via the second network, and the second network is different from the first.

The Final Office Action rejects Claims 1-5, 9, 11-16 and 20 under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Intl. Pub. No. WO 99/33293 by Dennis (hereinafter referred to as Dennis) in view of European Pub. No. EP 0944 002 by Bunney et al. (hereinafter referred to as Bunney et al.). The Examiner asserts that Dennis teaches that the wireless device is communicating via the second network, and the second network is different from the first. The Applicants, respectfully disagree. Dennis discloses that a wireless device 106 communicates through wireless network 103. The Examiner cites page 14, line 28-page 15, line 6 as evidence that Dennis teaches can receive information from other networks. This section of Dennis teaches that other networks can communicate with wireless device 106 through wireless network 103 or through service control point 109. It should be noted that service control point 109 communicates with wireless device 106 through wireless network 103; therefore, Dennis only discloses communication with wireless device 106 through a single network, wireless network 103. Dennis does not disclose or suggest a wireless coupling between the terminal and the portable device. Dennis further does not disclose or suggest the wireless device 106 receiving transmissions from other sources than said second network (wireless network 103).

Therefore, the rejected claims define subject matter that is not disclosed or suggested by Dennis. Dennis does not teach a wireless coupling between the terminal and the portable device.

The rejection asserts that Dennis teaches a networked communications apparatus comprising at least one server and a plurality of user stations, wherein the user stations comprise terminals which can receive information from the at least one server by means of a connection via first network. The Applicants, respectfully, disagree. Dennis teaches a terminal 101 linked to a wireless network 103 through the internet. As the Examiner points out, page 8, lines 18-20 of Dennis states that the terminal could connect directly to the wireless network 103. The Applicants respectfully, point out that the foregoing does not teach all the elements of the rejected claims. The service control point of Dennis is equivalent to the server of the rejected claims. The wireless device 106 of Dennis is equivalent to the portable communications device of the rejected claims. There is no disclosure, or suggestion, within Dennis for any connection to exist between the wireless device 106 and the terminal 101. The Applicants, respectfully, submit that the rejected claims are clearly allowable over the combination of Dennis in view of Bunney et al.

The Examiner states that Bowman-Amuah teaches a wireless device with buffer storage in Fig. 20 and col. 43, lines 20-31. The Applicants respectfully point out that col. 43, lines 20-31 of Bowman-Amuah states that "Message switching is another switching strategy that has been considered. With this form of switching, no physical path is established in advance between the sender and receiver; instead, whenever the sender has a block of data to be sent, it is stored at the first switching office and retransmitted to the next switching point after error inspection. Message switching places no limit on block size, thus requiring that switching stations must have disks to buffer long blocks of data; also, a single block may tie up a line for many minutes, rendering message switching useless for interactive traffic." Bowman-Amuah does not disclose or suggest a wireless device with buffer storage.

Therefore, this rejection is traversed.

The Office Action rejects Claims 6-8, 10 and 17-19 under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Dennis in view of Bunney et al., further in view of Bowman-Amuah and still further in view of U.S. Pub. No. 2002/01220612 in the name of Martin et al. (hereinafter referred to as Martin et al.). As previously discussed, combination of Dennis

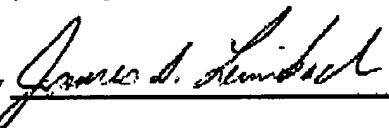
with Bunney, et al. does not disclose a second network wherein a portable communications device provides an interface with the user terminal and the server. The buffer defined by the rejected claims receives and stores additional data transmitted wirelessly from other sources than said second network. Therefore, all the elements of the rejected claims are not found by the combination made in the Office Action. Therefore, this rejection is, respectfully, traversed.

Applicant is not aware of any additional patents, publications, or other information not previously submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office which would be required under 37 C.F.R. 1.99.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, the Applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance, with such allowance being, respectfully, requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with the filing of this response to Account No. 50-3745, including extension fees but excluding issue fees, and to credit the same account with any overpayments.

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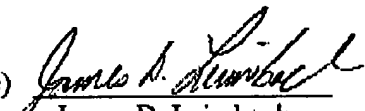
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